

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## KIDD

(Continued from Page One)

Since becoming foster parents, the Kidds have had 61 children in their home. Some of the children will be there for one night and others will remain for years. They said as long as they feel

it is God's will for them to continue taking children, they will keep doing it. Although the Kidds are licensed through Coffee County DHR, they have fostered children from Dale, Coffee,

Crenshaw and Pike counties. Three years ago, Pike County social workers got involved with the couple after they accepted a foster child with serious medical conditions. On July 5, 2006, the couple finalized the adoption of this child.

Part of the reason this couple won the award may be their lack of limitations on accepting children. They say race and background does not matter, and they have the ability to accept medical fragile children.

The couple thanks their biological children for sharing their mom and dad with children that can not be with their own. They say fostering is a challenging but rewarding job, and as long as they keep God first, they will continue to be blessed.

### Troy University plans 'Salute to Veterans'

Since 2000, Troy University has honored the men and women of the U.S. military at one home football game in November, as a Veterans Day tribute. This year's "Salute to Veterans" scheduled for the Nov. 18 Trojans' game with Arkansas State, will add a new twist to the tradition.

This year's salute will emphasize the University's recently launched campaign to identify and thank current students, alumni, faculty or staff members—or members of their immediate families—who are currently serving in the military, according to Janice Hawkins, TROY's first lady.

The tribute, scheduled for halftime of the football game, includes a special show by TROY's "Sound of the South" Marching Band. The centerpiece of the annual tribute is the playing of the songs of each branch of the service. Personnel currently serving in the military and veterans in the audience will be asked to stand and be recognized when the song representing their branch of the service is played.

## Elba Chamber of Commerce presents... November's Business of the Month Elba City Schools

The Elba Chamber of Commerce extended the honor of "Business of the Month" for November to Elba City Schools. "We are pleased to be selected by the chamber as business of the month for November," said Danny Weeks, superintendent. "The most important job in our business is to ensure all our students receive a quality education."

Weeks said data for state accountability, students' assessment and adequate yearly progress (AYP) was released statewide Aug. 11th which showed more students were tested, scores increased, attendance rose and participation rates were almost perfect in Elba City Schools.

"This can be attributed to a wonderful staff of over 125 employees that care for the most important and precious resource we have...our students," said Weeks.

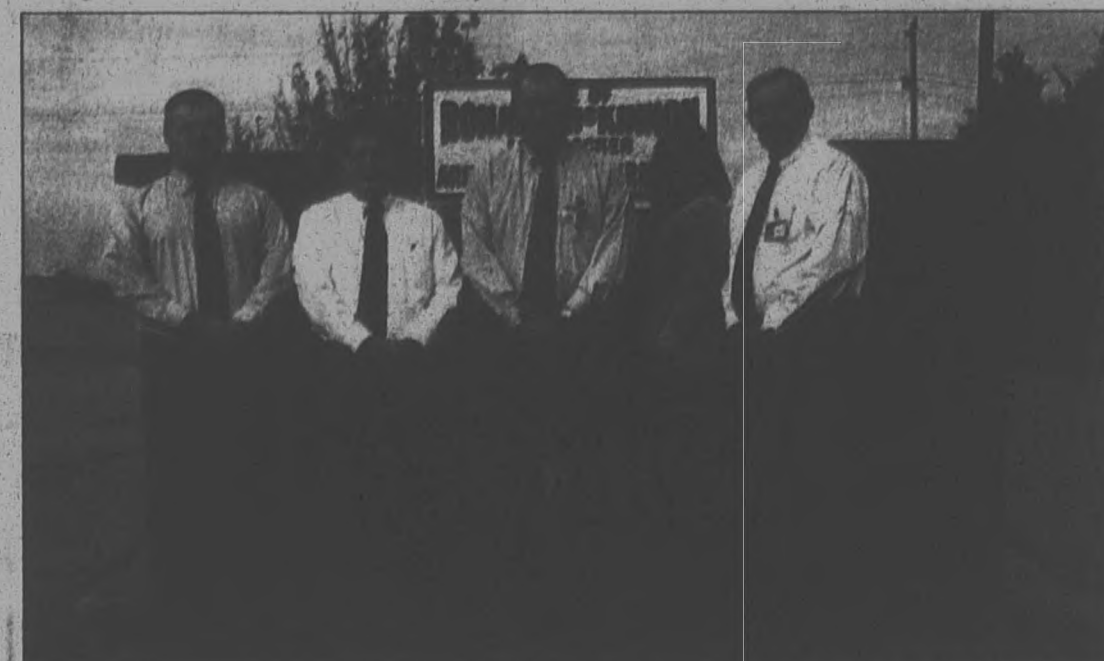
Elba Elementary School and Elba High School each exceeded state standards and made adequate yearly progress based on performance and participation on 2005 referenced assessments in reading and mathematics. An added factor in determining AYP included attendance rates, which was 97 percent in Elba City Schools.

Weeks said the elementary reading program and high school remediation program continue to receive statewide recognition due to the fact that 100 percent of the schools' graduates passed the Alabama High School Graduation Exam and the reading program ranked fourth in the state among new Alabama Reading First schools regarding reading achievement.

"These schools have made tremendous strides in academic improvement and are to be congratulated," said Weeks. "As with any business to be successful, we must produce a quality product. In our case this would be our graduates. I am pleased that our 2005 graduates received over \$1.2 million in scholarships and our honor graduates made up over 50 percent of the class. We truly produced a great product!"

To produce any great product, Weeks said it takes money. Last year, he said the school system spent over \$4.5 million on instruction and over \$1.2 million on support services. He said the operating cost and maintenance on buildings and grounds amounted to over \$690,000. In addition, the system spends over \$1 million on transportation and Child Nutrition programs.

"Again, thanks to the Elba Chamber of Commerce for selecting our school system as business of the month," said Weeks. "We are thankful for our students, staff, parents and to the community we serve."



WELCOME TO ELBA CITY SCHOOLS...The administration of Elba City Schools welcomes community involvement and is honored to serve the people of Elba. Leading Elba City Schools are (from left) Kevin Killingsworth and Shane Casey, EHS assistant principals; Danny Weeks, superintendent of Elba City Schools; LaKesha Brackins, EES principal; and Johnny Dunn, EHS principal.

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## Storms hit area Wednesday, Nov. 15, leaving path of destruction

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Strong winds and heavy rain kept Coffee County residents on alert Wednesday, Nov. 15, as damaging storms moved through the state.

Several times throughout the day, Coffee County found itself placed under various weather warnings from the storms.

John Tallas, director of the Coffee County EMA, said the brunt of damage in Coffee County occurred in the area of Coffee County Road 235 and 239. Also, he said the Coffee

County Landfill sustained some damage.

Tallas said the storm that left a path of destruction on County Road 235 has not been confirmed as the result of a tornado; however, he did say there is a distinct possibility a tornado did hit the area. He said there were signs of twisted tree tops.

Several homes received damage in this area included the doublewide mobile home of Elijah and Christina Gilbert. This mobile home was destroyed after winds picked it up and relocated it. The couple

was at home at the time, and somehow escaped the very scary situation with no life-threatening injuries.

Mrs. Gilbert reportedly had a broken arm and shattered collarbone. Both were taken to the Elba General Hospital for treatment.

Tallas said the Coffee County Landfill fell victim to the storm with a couple of buildings receiving damage and a trailer being destroyed.

South of Enterprise, Tallas said some chicken houses sustained roof damage during the day.

Overall, he said Coffee County fared well through the storms, but there was notable damage throughout the county.

Damage estimates for publicly owned utilities, property, etc. for the county appeared to be about \$166,000 for Coffee County. Tallas said this does not include individual damage estimates.

## Katrina Calhoun resigns from Elba BOE to fill teaching position

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board met on Thursday, November 16 without board member (and board chair) Katrina Calhoun who has resigned from the board.

Mrs. Calhoun, a former Elba elementary teacher, will take a temporary position with the school system replacing a teacher who will be out several months following surgery.

Board member Valerie McGuire, who was serving as Vice Chair of the board was named to fill the vacancy.

Superintendent Danny Weeks revived the monthly financial statement, noting to the board that there was nothing out of the ordinary happened with the

finances during the past month. The superintendent explained that some expenditures from the Capital Projects Fund would take place in the immediate future. New locker will be installed in the football locker room. Also equipment will be purchased to allow video conferencing class. He said this will help keep the school system on the cutting edge of technology.

Presently the Elba school system is operating approximately 350 computers on a daily basis. With this technology, students can be exposed to technical courses taught by highly trained teachers hundreds of miles away, classes that would not be possible if the school system had to hire specialized teachers for each of these courses.

Weeks had praise for Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer for funds to work on erosion control in various places on the school campus.

The board accepted a recommendation from the superintendent and amended the lunchroom policy, allowing up to \$10.00 limit for paid students and \$5.00 limit for reduced pay students. This will formalize a program which ensures that students don't go hungry if they occasionally forget to bring lunch money.

The board also approved a system wide Highly Qualified Teacher plan for the 2006-2007 school year. At present the only teacher who are not "highly qualified" are working toward that certification. Mr. Weeks

told board members that in the future no teacher would be hired unless they already had the "highly qualified" certification. The exception to that policy will be when there are no certified teachers available.

Board members approved a purchase of Elba City School Textbook Adoption committee. Books being revised this year are Arts Education and Foreign Languages. Amelia Rhoades will serve as chairperson of both the elementary and the high school committees.

Serving with her on the elementary committee are Gina Price, Tom Maddox and Millie McCollough.

Joining Rhoades on the high school committee are Kevin Killingsworth, Ashley Meadows and Will Pierce. The board formally accepted resignation of Sabrina Kelley as school nurse. She has been on leave since the beginning of the school year.

Mrs. Dale Kindred, mother of an Elba student, addressed the board on a personal matter.

## 2006 Elba Christmas Festival

### Entertainment Schedule:

Chamber Office - (Fee Charged)

8 a.m. - Breakfast with Santa  
9 a.m. - Breakfast with Santa - Pictures  
On the Square - (No Charge to Attend)  
10 a.m. - 2006 Christmas Festival Pageants  
Noon - Storytime with Mrs. Claus  
12:30 p.m. - Christmas Play (Elba Elem. SGA)  
12:45 p.m. - Vocal Entertainment  
1 p.m. - Countywide Children's Choir  
1:30 p.m. - Dixieland Cloggers  
2 p.m. - Community-wide Adult Choir  
2:30 p.m. - SheBang Dance Group

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## Area Happenings

THE BRANTLEY BULL DOGS enter the quarterfinal round of the state playoffs this Friday, Nov. 24, and will travel to Maplesville. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

COFFEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT will hold a flu clinic at the health department Monday, Dec. 4. There also will be a clinic Wednesday, Dec. 13, if the vaccine supply is not depleted. All clients will be open to the general public and will take place from 8-11 a.m. and from 1-3:30 p.m. Medicare and Active Adult Coverage Medicaid will be accepted. Medicare or Medicaid card and a picture ID must be supplied. If the card is not supplied, a fee will be charged. For more information please call (334) 347-9374.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23, and Friday, Nov. 24, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be steady crews for any emergency with street, sewer, storm or water. To report an emergency call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage pickup schedule will be unchanged.

Jeffery W. Shelton joined the Elba Police Department four years ago. He currently serves as patrol sergeant (for third shift). Sgt. Shelton has a total of 17 years of police service. During his career, he also has served three years with the Decatur Police Department, eight years with the Birmingham Police Department and two years with the New Brockton Police Department.

Sgt. Shelton said his most memorable police experience was working four years with the Birmingham Narcotics Division (two years spent undercover). He has advanced training as a firearms instructor specialized in tactical pistol, shotgun and select fire weapons use. He also has completed numerous training sessions.

Sgt. Shelton is married with four children, and he is an ASE



## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

It is great to know that our government will be erecting a fence between Mexico and the USA... and that it will work! Don't think they forgot about the tunnels being dug under the borders now, heck someone will put up a sign on the fence explaining (in several languages) that it is against the law to dig under the fence and that will solve the tunnel problem forever. Of course don't ask any of the Washington crowd to explain why the White House, which is surrounded by an even higher and stronger fence, has lights everywhere and a host of armed guards... but still has unauthorized people getting onto the White House grounds.

Oh, we witnessed the (electrified) fences erected in Europe during the cold war and people still managed to get out. Once while observing, with a spotting scope, a snow covered Czech border post near that infamous fence, we spied a guard observing us with a scope also, except his was mounted on a rifle! Be assured that image convinced us that we were much too close to effectively do our patrol duty!

There is a heartbreaking personal story on our mind this week. We broke our cherished key ring! Now this was not just any old key holder, but a companion of over 40 years. It started in about 1961 when a fancy engraved key holder we had received for ushering in a friend's wedding just broke. We temporarily improvised with a shower curtain ring picked up there in the Montgomery office where we were working part time as a glorified flunky. Family members gave us broad hints, replacement key rings, etc., but we never changed. Well that thing got bent, straightened, dropped keys all over the ground, etc., but it kept on ticking. That is until Saturday night when it gave up the ghost. This is serious folks, in fact we still have both legs of that almost 50 year old shower curtain ring. We will discard them one day (not throw away, but discard) but for now please share our lighthearted mourning.

The out-of-town copies of The Elba Clipper got lost in the storm last week. Most of our out-of-town papers funnel through Montgomery and as you know the storm caused damage at some of the Montgomery post offices and thus all Montgomery bound mail was rerouted. The big problem apparently arose when someone forgot to send the bags of newspapers back this way after the storm departed. As of Monday afternoon some of the papers had begun to arrive at the homes of out-of-town subscribers, but not all. We can only ask that our readers be patient and hopefully those bags of newspapers will get in someone's way and they will decide to put them on a truck and on to their addressed destination.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Nov. 13, 2006, investigated the following incidents: one for burglary, one for a gas drive off, one for domestic violence, one for assault, one for obstruction of governmental operations, one for harassing communications, one vehicle incident, two for criminal mischief and one for public intoxication.

The following arrests were made: two for criminal mischief, three for contempt of court, one for obstruction of governmental operations, one for failure to appear, one for domestic violence and one for public intoxication.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for stopping in the road, three for a suspended driver's license, one for an abandoned vehicle in the road, two for a revoked driver's license, one for no brake lights, one for no reverse lights, one for only one headlight, one for no headlights, three for no driver's license, one for no proof of insurance, two for speeding, four for no seat belt, two for attempting to elude, one for a switched tag, two for no insurance and one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:  
**MONDAY, NOV. 13**  
Burglary reported at 1578 Caroline St. (10:08 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at senior center on Simmons St. (8:20 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, NOV. 14**

**ROUTINE activity**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15**  
Coffee County EMS dispatched to old stockyard (3:49 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Fred's parking lot (7:58 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 799 Washington Ave. (11:54 a.m.); Prowler reported at 630 Smith Ave. (11:47 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, NOV. 16**  
Minor wreck (vehicle vs. deer) reported on Clayton Ave. (2:01 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 856 Troy Hwy. (9:47 p.m.); Prowler reported at 1131 Guyton St. (11:43 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, NOV. 17**  
Coffee County EMS dispatched to 980 Carver Dr. (4:03 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 87 S. (10:23 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, NOV. 18**  
Coffee County EMS dispatched to 33969 Hwy. 87 (1:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1532 Reese Ave. (7:15 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 1629 Caroline St. (11:09 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, NOV. 19**  
Domestic disturbance reported at the Elba MarketPlace (8:10 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Newton St. behind the post office (9:28 p.m.).

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## Coffee County Habitat for Humanity and supporters continue to help local families

One local business and its customers, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity, are helping families in Coffee County this holiday season through the home improvement retailer's "Homes for the Holidays" donation program, which began Monday, Nov. 13, nationwide.

Already in its third year, "Homes for the Holidays" provides customers the chance to donate to Coffee County's Habitat for Humanity affiliate by adding a donation onto their checkout total at the nearest Lowe's store. 100 percent of the funds raised will go to the local Habitat for Humanity.

The program runs through Monday, Dec. 11. "There are few things more valuable to our customers than their homes, especially during the holiday season when families are gathering to share and create memories," said Larry D. Stone, chairman of Lowe's charitable and educational foundation. "Homes for the Holidays" is a remarkable program because it rallies the communities we serve in an effort to help local families in need attain the dream of home ownership."

Lowe's, the underwriter of Habitat for Humanity International's Women Build program, has long supported Habitat's efforts to address the issue of affordable housing. Local affiliates, such as the one in Coffee County, coordinate building projects and select partner families. Partner homeowners are chosen based on their ability to repay a non-interest mortgage and their willingness to participate in partnership with the local Habitat affiliate.

Habitat houses are sold to the homeowner at no-profit, are built by volunteers and trained supervision, and are initially paid for financially by individuals, corporations, faith groups and others. Habitat does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion or ethnicity.

The Coffee County affiliate has already built three homes and is in the process of building one in the Fairfield Subdivision of Enterprise. The dedication for the home is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 10.

For more information about Coffee County Habitat for Humanity, to donate household goods, building materials or to volunteer time, call Jeanine Roberts 313-8885 or e-mail at jeanine@roberts@roadrunner.com.



Pictured are Susan Tonn and children - recipients, Shane Showalter - Lowe's manager, Jeanine Roberts - fundraising chair/Habitat board member, Hector Cardona - Habitat board member, and most importantly, the volunteers that make this all happen: Jordan Lane, Sarah McNair, Doug and Frances Brown with their children Douglas and Malinda.



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## Obituaries

## EARL EDWARD PETERS

Mr. Earl Edward Peters, age 84, a native of Jacksonville, Fla., died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006 in St. Augustine, Fla. after a long illness. Mr. Peters served with the Army during World War II in the 10th Armored Division, 322nd Signal Corp as a Tank Commander and 2nd Lieutenant during the Battle of the Bulge. During the Korean War, he was called back to serve stateside at Fort Dix and Ft. Bragg and was discharged with a final rank of Captain. Throughout his career in the life insurance industry, Earl held a number of positions with a focus on planning and marketing. He held senior management positions at several life insurance companies including his last position at National Security Life Insurance in Elba, Ala.

Earl and his first wife Alma (deceased) helped to found the North Florida Juvenile Diabetes Association in Jacksonville in the early 1960s. Mr. Peters was active in the local and state Republican Parties in both North Carolina and Alabama.

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# LIFESTYLES

## The National Security Group donates computer hardware to Coffee County School System



William Stuart, systems engineer for the National Security Group, is shown presenting a notebook computer to Golda Donaldson, Coffee County School System technology coordinator, and Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram.

The National Security Group, Elba, has a tradition of being actively involved in the local community, particularly in the area of education.

In keeping with that tradition, the company recently made a donation of surplus computer hardware to the Coffee County School System. Included in the donated equipment were computer monitors, CPU units and notebook computers.

"The partnership with National Security and the county board will benefit the children and employees of our system by putting hardware in our schools," said Coffee County School Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram. "We appreciate the generous contribution."

The computer hardware became available due to upgrades in technology by National Security. In the past, the company has donated surplus equipment to Troy University and the Troy City School System.



ELBA NATIVE AND AWARD WINNING WRITER AND PLAYWRIGHT BOB INMAN was in Elba during late October for a book signing of his latest book, a children's book titled "The Christmas Bus". The reception and book sales were great, according to store owner Al Baxter. Baxter said the Briar Patch sold all but one of the copies that he had previously stocked in anticipation of the book signing.

Pictured above are former Elba resident Pat Johnson and her sister, Elba resident Vicki Bandstra. The sisters were getting several copies of the book to use as gifts for friends and family members.

## Medical Coding Class to be offered at LBW Community College

A Medical Coding Class will be offered on the MacArthur Campus of LBW Community College in Ory January 9, 2007-April 19, 2007. The class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Raymond V. Chisum Health Sciences Building, Room 103. This short-term training course is offered by LBWCC's Adult Education and Skills Training Division.

The focus of this 15-week (60 hrs.) study course is learning the coding rules for the CPT, ICD-9-CM, and Level II (HCPCS) coding systems and applying the rules to code DRG, APC, RUGSII. Coders abstract information from the patient record and combine it with their knowledge of reimbursement and coding guidelines to optimize physician payment within compliance. The course requires 10 hours per week study time outside of class.

Previous medical training or coding experience is not required to enroll in the Medical Coding Class. Upon completion, students will be eligible to sit for certification exam. This is a great opportunity to receive medical coding training locally. Registration deadline is Friday, January 5th. For more information or to register, please contact Cindy Green on the MacArthur Campus at (334) 493-5344 or cgreen@lbwcc.edu.



THE ZION CHAPEL TERMITE CHEERLEADERS PARTICIPATED in the cheerleader competition at Elba High School on Saturday, November 4. The ZC Cheerleaders brought home awards for best cheer, best chant, spirit stick, and overall division winner. Listed left to right is Peyton Dunn, Haley Tankersley, Chelsey Hall, Makayla Campbell, Sheldyn Sanders, Jessie Tolbert, Taylor Wilson, Ali Mums, and Kaisey Taylor.

## Breakfast with Santa set in Enterprise for December 2

Breakfast With Santa is just \$4.00 at Enterprise Civic Center, anytime between 8:00 - 11:00 A.M. Saturday, December 2, 2006. Pictures with Santa too! Tickets available at the door or from a Pilot Club member. This event is sponsored by The Pilot Club of Enterprise.

If you have any questions call Diane McCollough 347-1661 or Gloria Evans 347-5373.

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## Elba Elementary School Menu

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### BREAKFAST

**Monday** - Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Tuesday** - Cinnamon Toast Sticks, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Wednesday** - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Thursday** - Sausage Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Friday** - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

### LUNCH

**Monday** - Pizza, Broccoli w/Cheese, Corn on Cob, Baked Sweet Potato, Milk (No Salad)  
**Tuesday** - Chicken Sandwich, Buttered Carrots, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, Milk (No Salad)  
**Wednesday** - Chili w/Beans, Cheese Sandwich, Mixed Vegetables, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk  
**Thursday** - Stuffed Potato, Tater Tots, Corn, Oatmeal Cookie, Milk  
**Friday** - Burrito w/Cheese, Rice, Salsa, Green Salad, 1/2 Apple, Milk

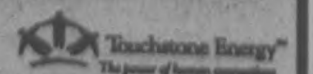


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# CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Stanley Carter  
Elba United Methodist Church

## Lessons from a little boy's lunch

A long time ago on a bright sunny day near the Sea of Galilee, a little boy went to hear an itinerant preacher, named Jesus. Since it was going to be a long day the little boy carried his lunch. The little boy loved the stories and lessons from Jesus.

Lunch time came and the little boy was about to eat his lunch of loaves and fish. He noticed the people were hungry too (about 500 of them). He heard these men with Jesus talking about how there was no food. The little boy gave his lunch basket to them and said, "You can have my food." Jesus blessed this little lunch and everyone ate their fill.

As the little boy went to sleep that night, he heard again in his mind, "seek ye first the Kingdom of God," and "give and it shall be given unto you." Oh! What a peaceful sleep it was.

Can we learn anything from this little boy's story? Yes, we can.

1. Put God first in everything.

2. Give unto others with love.

3. Have faith in Jesus.

All of this we learn from a little boy's lunch, his childlike faith, and his warm heart.

## November is "Adoption Awareness Month" at DHR

The Alabama Department of Public Health joins the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in observing the week after Thanksgiving, Nov. 27-Dec. 3, as National Influenza Vaccination Week.

This event is designed to raise awareness of the importance of continuing influenza vaccination and to foster greater use of flu vaccine through the months of November, December and beyond.

The health department expects to receive additional doses of influenza vaccine in the coming weeks, and all Alabamians are encouraged to be immunized. County health departments are expected to have more than 100,000 doses of influenza vaccine available statewide by Nov. 27. These doses represent the final shipments on orders placed by the department.

Flu clinics in county health departments will be held the weeks of Nov. 27-Dec. 1 and Dec. 4-8. Usually influenza disease in Alabama peaks in the months of January and February, so being vaccinated in December is not too late for protection from influenza. Please

contact your local county health department for flu clinic dates and times.

In the past two to three weeks the Alabama Department of Public Health has been seeing sustained regional activity with in two areas of the state, the Mobile-Baldwin county area and southeast Alabama.

The CDC recommends vaccinations for anyone who wants to decrease the risk of influenza. While anyone can get influenza those with chronic illnesses and pregnant women are at highest risk for complications. In addition, those in close contact with these high-risk persons are also at increased risk and should get vaccinated.

The Board of Directors of the National Security Group, Inc., declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share. This represents an annual indicated dividend rate of \$5.00 per share. This cash dividend is payable on November 30, 2006 to shareholders of record November 6, 2006.

## Faith Assembly of God to have revival services November 26-29

Faith Assembly of God, 499 Meredith Street, Enterprise, Ala., will have revival on November 26-29. Sunday's service will be at 6 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday will be held at 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. David Copeland, Lanett, Alabama. The pastor of Faith Assembly is Huey Anderson and everyone is invited to attend.

## Vanderbilt Holiness Church Gospel Sing set for November 25th

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will have a Gospel Sing featuring "The Soldiers of the Cross" on November 25, 2006 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The church is located on Coffee County Route 114 about one (1) mile past Wayne Farms (Southland). For more information call 334-347-0569 or 334-894-5021.

## Pleasant Shade to host Christmas Banquet December 9th

Pleasant Shade Baptist Church will host a Outreach Ministry Annual Christmas Banquet on Saturday, December 9, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. The event will be at the Enterprise Civic Center and the guest speaker will be Dr. Genie M. Love, President, Alabama Missionary Baptist State Women's Convention. For information contact Ms. Fikes 334-393-5861, Ms. Crittenden 334-347-5432 or Mr. Weldon 334-393-6142.

## "Banquet of Praise" set for December 2, at Elba Recreation Center

"A 'Banquet of Praise' will be held December 2, 2006 at 6 p.m. at the Elba Recreation Center located on Highway 20. It is sponsored by Rev. Roderick Rideaux & The Anointed Voices. Tickets must be purchased to attend. For purchases contact any member of The Anointed Voices.

## PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

## Church Directory

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH, SAMSON, Ala. Pastor: Richard Thorn, Sr. Pastor.

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ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH, Elba, Ala. Pastor: Bernard Strickland, Pastor.

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship: 7:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH, Elba, Ala. Pastor: Nathan Carroll, Pastor.

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Tanisha Flowers-November 21, Maria Duncan-November 22, Ann Moultrie-November 23 (In Memory Of), Aubretta Williams Mitchell-November 24, Ronnie and Mable Hammonds-November 24 (Wedding Anniversary)

"SAINTS WITH PURPOSE" MINISTRIES will hold its annual conference Dec. 8-9. It will be held at the Southeast District Convention Building, Elba, Alabama. The conference theme will be "Preparing for

Warfare". Prayer will begin at 6:45 p.m. and worship will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday. Prayer will begin at 6:15 p.m. on Saturday. For more information contact: Kelvin Burks-(251)-656-8902, Catherine Burks-(334)-493-7346, Adean Sims-(334)-494-7974, or Sabrina Thomas-(334)-566-1035.

The Kelly/Gibson Reunion will be held at the Enterprise Community Room (across from Citizen Bank in downtown Enterprise) on Nov. 24-25. Friday's festivities will begin at 5 p.m. and Saturday's will begin at 1 p.m. Please register with October Smedley-894-6473 or 763-0953.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

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STUDENTS DISCUSS CAREERS IN FIRE and rescue with a representative during Enterprise-Ozark Community College's annual career fair held recently at the Enterprise Campus. Over ninety businesses and industries were represented at the fair and talked with numerous students.

Elba Senior Citizen Center to sell chili during Christmas Festival

On Saturday, November 25, during the Christmas Festival in Elba, Chili will be available for purchasing at The Elba Senior Citizen Center on the square. Also a drawing for a 14 layer chocolate cake will be held.

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# SCHOOLS

## Co-Op Spotlight

by Brittany Phillips



This week's co-op spotlight focuses on **Tatiana Parker**. She is the 16-year-old daughter of Billy and Christina Parker.

Tatiana currently is an employee of National Security in Elba, where she works in the accounting department. She balances checks and pay stubs.

Tatiana is an active student at Elba High School. She is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, FBLA, Key Club, Sr. Beta, VICA and EHS Ambassadors. She also plays saxophone in the Elba Marching Tiger Band.

In addition to being active at school, Tatiana is also involved as a youth member of her church. In her spare time, she helps her father with yard work and likes hanging out with her friends.

After high school, Tatiana plans to attend a college of her choice to obtain a degree in psychology.



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
**Ashton Rodriguez  
& Ciara Burrows**



**MU ALPHA THETA CLUB OFFICERS** include (left to right): Melanie Mularz, president; Ashley Carpenter, vice president; and Megan Sullivan, secretary.



**SPANISH CLUB OFFICERS** include (left to right): LaTanda Tyson, secretary; Kim Cooks, president; Cynricka Dean, treasurer; and Shanika Dean, vice president.

## EES cheerleaders participate in competition

by Melanie Mularz

The local little league cheerleaders showed their Tiger spirit and pride recently at the first annual cheerleading competition held at Elba High School.

Many other leagues competed including: Arlison, New Brockton, Brantley and Luverne. The competition was split into three different divisions: Termite, Midget and Pee wee.

Each squad had 15 minutes to perform a routine that consisted of a chant, dance, and cheer. Trophies were awarded to the squad with the best chant, dance and cheer and an overall division champion. Every squad competing also received a spirit stick.

The Elba squad in the termite division was awarded the best dance trophy. In the pee wee division the Elba squad took home the best dance award as well as the best overall.

Each squad worked hard all season in preparation for the competition, which made the decision even harder for the judges.

**Elba Elementary holds parent/student lunch**

by Sydney Brunson

October was parent involvement month, and in honor of this time Elba Elementary School students invited their parents to school.

During the week of Halloween, elementary students dined with their parents during their lunchtime. It was a great time for parents to step into the shoes of their child by eating the same food and talking with the child's classmates.

Studies show that when parents are involved in their child's education the child has a higher rate of success in school. This program is just one of many ways for EES parents to get involved.



## Sr. Beta holds induction ceremony

by Ciara Burrows

The Senior Beta Club Induction Ceremony was held Tuesday, Nov. 14, at Elba High School. This year's ceremony

was at night instead of during the club meeting.

Sydney Brunson welcomed the parents and guests, and Chase Boutwell led the Invocation & Pledge. Melanie Mularz and Ashley Carpenter read the Purpose of Beta.

Katie Cash recounted local activities of the club, and all the officers conducted the Daisy Induction Ceremony. The new members were pinned and given a Beta pin and a certificate.

Yoquesha Terry made closing remarks and then refreshments were served to the guests.

**Junior high teams battle Z.C. Rebels on the b'ball court**

by Michael Hall

The 7th and 8th grade boys and girls traveled Monday, Nov. 13, to Zion Chapel to battle the Zion Chapel Rebels.

The 7th grade boys won easily 32-6 with Nick McLaughlin leading the young Tigers' scoring attack with 10 points. Tyler Anderson combined with McLaughlin and scored 7 points, and Dontia Rogers added 4.

The Tigers' domination continued as the 8th grade boys also won 42-14. Leading the 8th grade Tigers was Sandarius Reed with 20 points. Chance Goosby followed with 8 points, and Michael Martin added 4.

After a tough night on the floor and on the boards, the young Lady Tigers were upset by the Lady Rebels.

The young Tigers will be back practicing hard again in the days ahead to regroup and come back for the remainder of the season.

## Elba Tigers open basketball season against Kinston

by Justin Williams

The Elba High School Tigers B-Team and Varsity Basketball teams tipped off the season against the Kinston Bulldogs.

Coch Glenn Johnson (head varsity boys' coach) said he was pleased with the outcome of the B-team and Varsity games, but he is looking forward to even better games as the year progresses and the team learns to play better as a unit.

Although the boys' teams came home winners, the girls suffered a tough loss.

Coch Brian Peacock (head girls' basketball coach) responded by saying he thinks the girls

did well for their first game, but they will be working harder for

the upcoming games because there is stiff competition ahead.

by Ryan McCollough

This week's student spotlight is **Jason Johnson**. He is the 18-year-old son of Mike and Juli Parrish and Danny Johnson.

Jason is a key part of the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band where he serves as section leader of the drum line and a first lieutenant.

On Saturdays in the fall, Jason can be found dressed in cardinal and black and cheering on his beloved Troy Trojans. In the future Jason wishes to attend Troy University and play drums for the "Sound of the South."

Jason describes himself as

honest, unique and silly.

American and spoke absolutely no English.

Together, the couple shares two children, who are fluent in both Spanish and English, and several grandchildren. As a token of appreciation, Ms. Meadows and her Spanish class presented Sr. Castillo with a gift bag to demonstrate just how grateful they were for getting to hear actual "native" Spanish and for getting to experience the culture of another land for someone who actually grew up there.

Ms. Meadows and the class thoroughly enjoyed the experience of his presence and are pleased to take with them new Spanish terms and cultural knowledge as a result of Sr. Castillo's visit.

Ironically, he revealed to the classes that his wife was

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# SCHOOLS

## FROM THE COCKPIT

New Brockton School News

Sponsor: Lori Cotney



JV Boys' Basketball Coach Daniel Lamb gives his team a quick lesson during time-out.

## What's So Great About Basketball?

by Chelsea Dempsey

Have you ever wondered, "What's so great about basketball anyway?" Well, I recently asked some of the students at New Brockton High School what they loved about basketball.

**Rachel Barrett** (10th Grade): "My favorite thing about basketball is how everyone works you up by being aggressive and rowdy."

**Valarie Hutcherson** (12th Grade): "My favorite thing about basketball is the aggression, blocking shots, and just being in the game."

**Vanna Marshall** (12th grade): "My favorite thing about basketball is the adrenaline and the crowd roaring."

**O.J. Jackson** (11th Grade): "My favorite thing about basketball is the challenges against others and blocking shots."

**Monica Largess** (11th Grade): "My favorite thing about

basketball is blocking the shots. And that it requires no spelling."



8th Grader Kayla Purvis is fired up for the game against Elba.



**JR. MISS CHRISTMAS WINNERS**...The Town of New Brockton sponsored the Miss Christmas pageants Saturday, Nov. 11, at New Brockton High School. Winners in the Jr. Miss category included (left to right) Caylin Bastion - second place, Anna Kilpatrick - first place, Kaitlyn Turner - Winner, and Dixi Boswell - third place.



**MISS CHRISTMAS WINNERS**... (left to right) Kurstie Stanton - first place, Ashley Anderson - Winner, Kendall Persin - second place, and Kayla Farnon - third place. The Miss Christmas Pageant is sponsored by the Town of New Brockton, who makes a donation to the NBHS Library Media Center.

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## Student transcends the norm

by Nicole Danley

On Sept. 21, in Atlanta, Ga., the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) announced that Katherine A. Lee (a.k.a. Alex Lee) from New Brockton High School had been chosen for membership.

NSHSS recognizes the top scholars in the nation and invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence. It was announced by NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, senior member of the Nobel Prize family.

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### AUCTIONS

2 DAY AUCTION. Treholm State Technical College, Montgomery, AL. 10:00 a.m. both days. Day 1, Nov. 29, Mobile Hwy. Just past Air Base Blvd. Culinary Arts Blvd., bread warmers, counters, shelves, tables, Vulcan cooking pot, waffle, electric, grill, waffle, iron, student & computer desk, light fixtures, much more. Day 2, Nov. 30, Patterson Campus corner 231 & East Blvd. Case W14 loader, JD 4020, Clark 1100 lb. Lift, motor lifts, welders, iron worker, drill press, band saw, bench grinder, mortar mixer, bricks, dust collector, car lifts, engines, hydraulic presses, shredder, bandsaw, compressors, radial armsaw, drafting table, sewing machine, injector test machine, new injector pumps, machine lathe, Hidelburg press, AB Dick 360 press, 2 trucks, car, colator, much more. Full payment day of auction. Inspection Tuesday, Nov. 28, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Color brochure call Larry Coughlin Auction Serv. SL380, 1-256-363-2423, 1-256-610-6010.

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December 2nd, 10 a.m. 4247 acres, County Road 30, Peck Corner Community, DeKalb County, AL. 1-800-537-5036. www.midstatesauctioneers.com. J.E. Mitchell, AAJ #822. \$225.00

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## Medication Safety- Public Awareness Campaign

The average American has about 10 prescriptions filled each year. Those over the age of 65 go to the pharmacist with a new prescription an average of 23 times each year, according to the federal government's Medical Expenditure Panel Survey. With the large volume of prescriptions, not counting the over-the-counter medications you may be taking, making sure you are taking the right medication at the right time can be a difficult task. Even more difficult is remembering which pills you take and for what reason when you go to the doctor or the hospital.

Recently, Alabama's hospitals have developed a public awareness campaign to address this issue.

"Over the last several months, we have been providing forms to hospitals to use in their own efforts to improve medication safety, as well as forms to give to patients and to members of their communities to help them keep track of their medications," said J. Michael Horsley, president of the Alabama Hospital Association. "A recent report by the U.S. Institute of Medicine of the Academies of Sciences highlighted the importance of medication safety and recommended that health care providers consider computerized medication ordering, but also encouraged better communication between providers and patients and increased awareness of medications on the part of patients. Our hospitals are working to increase their medication safety, including looking into the use of technology, but they are also taking on the challenge of educating their community members on how they can get more involved in this process and be more aware of the medicines they take."

To obtain a universal medication form to record prescriptions and other medications, individuals should contact their local hospital, or they may download the form from the Alabama Hospital Association Web site, www.alaha.org under "Quick Links". A Spanish version of the form is also available. There is also a pamphlet that provides instructions for better medication safety. The following are some of the suggestions provided in the pamphlet:

**Medication safety at home:**  
Take only the medication given to you by your doctor or pharmacist. Do not share other people's medication.

Each time you take your medication, read the label to make sure you are taking it correctly. If you have questions, call your doctor or pharmacist.

Do not stop taking medication just because you feel better, unless your doctor tells you to stop taking it.

Do not take your medication out of one bottle and put it in another one.

Put all of your medication in a place where children and pets cannot reach it.

Keep your Universal Medication Form updated and keep a copy of it in your purse or billfold at all times.

Put medications in a pill box that separates them by days of the week.

Do not keep medication in the car, by the stove or in the bathroom, since heat and dampness can affect how it works.

Throw away medication if the date written on the bottle has passed.

If you feel any medication is making you sick or causing you pain, call your doctor right away.

Medication safety if you have to go to the hospital:

When you are admitted to the hospital, take your updated Universal Medication Form or bring all of your medications in the original bottles. Include over-the-counter medicines, vitamins and herbs.

Tell your doctor or nurse about any allergies or reactions that you have had in the past. If you feel any medication is making you sick or causing you pain, tell the doctor or nurse immediately.

When you are being sent home from the hospital, ask your doctor or nurse to clearly tell you what medications you should be taking and how to take them.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Elba Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 30, 2006, at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, at 5:30 p.m. to hear a request from Melissa Arencibia to place a trailer on property belonging to her at 721 Adams Avenue. A complete description of the property is on file at City Hall. The property is zoned R-2.

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### IN RE THE ESTATE OF: CHUCK WESLEY THOMAS, Deceased.

CASE NO: PC-2006-016

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Diann Thomas, as Administratrix of the Estate of Chuck Wesley Thomas, deceased, on the 9th day of November, 2006, by the Honorable William O. Gammill, Judge of Probate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons have claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

*/s/ Diann Thomas*  
Diann Thomas  
Personal Representative  
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### ESTATE OF HEBER CLARK, DECEASED

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 8th day of November, 2006, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

*/s/ Betty C. Mosher*  
Betty C. Mosher  
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*/s/ Joann S. Weeks*  
Joann S. Weeks  
Co-Personal Representative  
11/16, 23, 30-Pd.

### ESTATE OF JACK C. WISE, DECEASED

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 13th day of November, 2006, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

*/s/ Roger D. Wise*  
Roger D. Wise  
Personal Representative  
11/16, 23, 30-Pd.

### FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness

### STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

General Obligation Warrants- 2004	1,335,000
5.04 Gasoline Tax Anticipation Warrants	365,000
5.08 Gasoline Tax Anticipation Warrants	125,000
Lease Payable to Banks	66,106
2002 Construction Warrants	1,435,000
Landfill Warrants	0
Lease Purchase Equipment	1,433,418
Landfill Lease Purchase Equipment	710,836
Amounts in Escrow	(87,382)
Total Indebtedness	5,301,972

Kimberly Newman  
Assistant County Administrator

## MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

### Troy University targets campus littering problem

Litterbugs on Troy University's campus could soon find themselves facing fines and community service.

University officials have announced a new initiative to keep the campus clean and encourage people not to litter. The effort comes as a result of the University's increased enrollment and traffic through campus and is aimed at beautifying the campus.

"We are starting this anti-litter campaign because so many of our students have said the beauty of the campus has been a strong selling point for Troy University," said Janice Hawkins, Troy University's first lady, who is advocating the cleanup drive.

"We don't want to see this asset turned into a liability. It's also important to maintain a clean campus environment for everyone - student, faculty, staff and visitors alike."

Mrs. Hawkins said the anti-litter effort also supports a key theme of Chancellor Jack Hawkins' fall addresses to faculty and staff - preventing "broken windows" on campus.

Expanding on points made in the Michael Levine, best-seller "Broken Windows, Broken Business," Dr. Hawkins urged TROY faculty, staff and students to work together to keep small problems from growing into large ones.

Dean of Students Herb Reeves said trashing the campus will carry a \$75 fine and a student cited for littering may find themselves facing disciplinary hearings. In addition, Reeves said some students cited for littering could also be required to perform community service on campus, including picking up litter around campus while attired in a bright orange vest.

Already in place is a stringent anti-littering ordinance in the City of Troy, which also includes the Troy Campus.

University police officers may issue city citations in addition to University tickets, and Anderson said littering citations result in an automatic trip before Municipal Court Judge Nick Cervera. Cervera, who also serves as university attorney, said the City of Troy also requires litterbugs to perform community service.

"People who litter simply don't take pride in themselves, their community or their campus," Cervera said. "Being trashy just sends a poor message about our community."

"We've studied the issue and have located all of the trash cans on campus," Salmon said. "Our recommendation is to purchase as many additional receptacles as necessary."

Salmon said the plan called for an initial 15 - 20 additional trash cans, but added if the demand warranted, more would be available.

### State Unemployment Rate Drops to New Record Low

The unemployment rate in Alabama dropped to a new record low of 3.2 percent in October, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

The rate had previously stood at 3.3 percent in September and 3.4 percent in August.

The number of unemployed persons in Alabama fell from 73,706 in September to 71,204 in October.

A year ago - October 2005 the state's unemployment rate stood at 4.0 percent.

Shelby County recorded the lowest county unemployment rate in the state at 2.1 percent. The highest county rate was 4.4 percent in Bullock County.

## COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION

### COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURE AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES, PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2005 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES	PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES	TOTALS**
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	PURD TYPE ENTERPRISE	MEMORANDUM ONLY
REVENUES						
TAXES	5,559,636.00	1,897,423.00				4,666,369.00
FEES AND PERMITS	76,266.00	3,868.00				1,262,997.00
INFRAGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	1,886,487.89	3,589,743.89			10,860.00	4,666,175.89
CHARGES FOR SERVICE	1,112,736.66	306,886.66			4,086,864.00	8,077,186.00
MISCELLANEOUS	587,548.00	478,268.00	4,677.50	1,268.00	307,482.00	1,165,233.00
TOTAL REVENUES	8,864,361.61	6,266,727.61	4,677.50	1,268.00	4,397,486.00	17,266,443.00
EXPENDITURES						
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,748,390.00	779,925.00				63,546.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,560,517.00	25,113.00				3,395,616.00
ROADWAYS AND ROADS		4,506,391.25				4,300,997.00
SANITATION					3,429,900.00	3,429,900.00
HEALTH	36,793.00					36,793.00
PUBLIC WELFARE	38,355.00	216,612.00				241,855.00
CULTURE AND RECREATION	6,000.00					6,000.00
EDUCATION	66,338.00					66,338.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	387,817.00	234,807.00			564.00	512,917.00
DEBT SERVICE						
PRINCIPAL RETIREMENT		169,088.00	664,008.00			710,856.00
INTEREST		86,386.00	360,476.00		80,548.00	468,976.00
FEES AND OTHER CHARGES	11,100.00	3,670.00			2,762.00	17,782.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	76,000.00					76,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,818,009.00	6,718,144.00	910,476.00	0.00	3,983,408.00	63,546.00
EXCESS REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	896,352.61	891,169.00	(666,868.00)	1,268.00	1,388,088.00	1,663,566.00
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
LOAN PROCEEDS						
BOND PROCEEDS						
PROCEEDS FROM RECEIPTION OF CAPITAL LEASE						
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	682,441.88	1,332,892.88	608,886.00		349,362.00	2,164,355.00
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	(686,256.00)	(1,346,864.00)	(2,178.00)		(617,306.00)	(2,164,355.00)
OTHER USES						
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(46,794.00)	(217,869.00)	607,894.00	0.00	(267,944.00)	0.00
EXCESS REVENUE AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) OTHER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING	489,657.88	254,151.88	1,211.00	1,268.00	860,588.00	1,663,666.00
USE						
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - 10/01/2008	1,218,288.00	1,886,288.00	81,728.00	80,882.00	3,346,288.00	6,227,351.00
FUND BALANCE - ENDING 09/30/2009	1,886,307.88	1,718,687.88	83,338.00	84,388.00	4,216,787.00	7,889,700.00



## SPORTS

Views From....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The girls are out of school this week for the holidays, and while Dad is thinking about a big Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings and a few days of rest and relaxation, the rest of the family has plans to go shopping and going out to the garage to pull out the Christmas decorations. Oh well, maybe if I am lucky I will get the chance to sleep in at least a day or two.

## FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers tipped off their basketball season last week and ended the first week of action with a 1-1 record after posting a win over Kinston and falling to Goshen. The Tigers were expected to struggle this season after graduating their entire roster from a year ago, but the new look Tigers showed quickness and desire in the opening two games and gave Elba fans hope that maybe a winning season is on its way. While it is true the Tigers lack size and will be at a huge disadvantage under the boards, their quickness should pay off and the guess here is that Elba will be much better than many thought.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers dropped both their games last week and after only two games it looks like the Elba girls could be headed for a long season. The Lady Tigers opened the season without its top players from a year ago, and the newcomers will just have to get lots of on-the-job training as the season rolls along. There is no doubt Elba will get better as the season goes and should be competitive by mid-season. However, until then the Elba fans will have to keep the faith and support the youngsters as they gain experience.

\*\*\* Brantley continued its dominance in the 1A ranks last week and moved its record to 12-0 with a big 33-14 win over South Lamar, in the second round of the state playoffs. The Bulldogs weren't as dominant as their fans would have liked, but even on somewhat of an off night they had way to much for their opponents. A 19-point win over a "Top 10" opponent was impressive, despite what the fans thought, and the only real negative from where I sat was the number of penalties against Brantley. The competition will only get better and better in the weeks to come, and those costly penalties could very well come back to haunt the 'Dogs in a close game.

\*\*\* The second round of the playoffs were filled with surprises, and disappointments for a couple of teams from the Wiregrass Area teams that saw their seasons end included Geneva, Abbeville, Arlton and Red Level, with Geneva's 21-20 home loss to Winfield topping the list. Other unexpected losses were T.R. Miller's 28-10 setback to Elmore County, W.S. Neal's 24-14 loss to Trinity, Wadley's 16-14 loss to Sunshine, and Daphne's 34-21 loss to Sidney Lanier. Perhaps the week's most impressive win was posted by Prattville, which walloped once-beaten Foley 54-7. It wasn't a good week for the #1 seeds in the playoffs as 19 top-seeded teams were eliminated. With just two weeks gone, half the top seeds are already out of the action!

\*\*\* Auburn claimed its fifth straight win over Alabama on Saturday, and late in the game the TV announcers stated that while Alabama could play any team on its schedule close, it just could not win the close games. While all the losses cannot be blamed on the coaches, in the game Saturday it was evident that Auburn out-coached the Tide. Mike Shula simply can't make the big decisions, and once again it helped lead to a loss. His decision to go for two late in the first half was a mistake that resulted in another missed two-point conversion, and if the Tide had simply kicked the extra-points it could have cut the Auburn lead to only two points with a late field-goal. Then, another field-goal could have possibly given Alabama a win. It is easy to play what-if...but, what if Alabama had an experienced head coach instead of one that has had to learn from his own mistakes. If he does learn from the mistakes, he one day may be a good one, since he has had lots of lessons.

\*\*\* Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by early over the weekend and was still complaining about how cold it had been at both the opening weeks of the playoffs. The local guesstest said he wore two pairs of socks, two shirts, and gloves at Brantley, and still left in the third quarter. While he didn't predict the weather for this week's game, he did leave his playoff picks....

## BRANTLEY VS. MAPLESVILLE

The 'Dogs from up across the river will load up their food dishes and head North this week as they continue their hunt for a state title. While there is little doubt here the 'Dogs will take along a map and stay on course, they need to beware of any detours, since word is there is a 'Devil of a team that resides along the planned route.

## BRANTLEY 27 MAPLESVILLE 15

## OTHER PICKS:

Opelika 28 Sidney Lanier 7  
Prattville 31 McGill-Toolen 17  
Hoover 35 Homewood 14  
Pelham 17 Vestavia Hills 14  
Eufaula 34 St. Paul's 21  
Russellville 17 J.O. Johnson 10  
Thomasville 22 Trinity 21  
Andalusia 20 Elmore County 15  
Alexandria 35 Dora 21  
Guntersville 21 East Limestone 7  
Montgomery Academy 17 Winfield 10  
Pike County 33 Gordo 12  
Susan Moore 20 Leeds 7  
Clay County 22 Colbert County 13  
Houston Academy 28 Laverne 7  
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## Over Kinston Bulldogs

## Tigers open season with 62-52 win

The Elba Tigers opened the 2006-2007 high school basketball season last Tuesday night at Kinston and turned back a late Bulldogs rally to escape with an exciting 62-52 road win.

Neither team could find its way to the goal in the opening stanza as the Tigers crept out to a 10-6 advantage. However, Elba began to pick up the pace in the second quarter and behind the scoring punch of Jordan Bryant and Trey Belcher opened up a 26-18 halftime bulge. Respress continued to hold the Tigers increased their lead to 40-27, and Elba held on late as the Tigers escaped with the exciting 62-52 road win.

Trey Belcher scored 16 points to lead Elba, while Jordan Bryant added 15 and Gavin Respress scored 12. Matt Whigham scored 15 points to lead Kinston.

E 10 16 14 22 - 62  
K 6 12 9 25 - 52

Elba (62): Respress 12,

Mitchell 4, Butts 2, Bryant 15, Belcher 16, Morris 9, Tillis 2, McBride 2.  
K'ton (52): Whigham 15, McCrummen 6, Jacobs 3, Elmore 2, Hataway 8, Donaldson 3, Moss 4, Weeks 7, Edwards 2, Wise 3.

## (B GAME)

The Elba Tigers overcame a slow start to open the season with a 43-34 win over the Kinston Bulldogs. The Tigers scored only three points in the first quarter, but rallied to grab a 15-12 halftime advantage and then pulled ahead late to claim the 43-34 win. Donta Reynolds scored 16 points to lead Elba, while Justin McLaughlin added 12 and Keenan Phillips added 11. Gavin Free scored 12 points and A.J. Johnson added 11 to lead Kinston.

Elba (43): Magwood 2, Cole 2, Phillips 11, Reynolds 16, McLaughlin 12.  
K'ton (34): Sessions 4, Davis 2, Johnson 11, Wilson 2, Free 12, Hunko 2, Rachel 1.

## Elba Lady Tigers drop opener to Kinston 43-24

The Elba Lady Tigers tipped off their season last Tuesday night in Kinston and saw a late rally fall far short as the Lady Bulldogs posted a big 43-24 win.

Elba had problems getting on the scoreboard in the opening stanza and trailed 11-4 after one quarter of play, then watched as Kinston took command in the second quarter and went in at the half on the short end of a 29-8 score. The Lady Tigers settled down in the second half and

outscored the Lady Bulldogs 18-14. However, it was too little, too late, as Elba took the loss.

Janae Camley scored 11 points to lead Elba, while Kaleigh Sanders scored 18 points to lead Kinston and Heather Marlowe added 11. K'ton (43): Sanders 18, Whigham 8, Marlowe 11, Tindell 6.

Elba (26): Henderson 4, McBride 2, Pruitt 4, Oliver 2, Camley 11, Caldwell 2, Dean 1.

## Elba 7th and 8th grade Tigers remain unbeaten in junior high basketball action

The Elba Junior High Tigers have continued their winning ways on the basketball court in recent weeks as both the 8th grade Tigers and 7th grade Tigers remained undefeated.

Following are highlights of recent basketball action:

## 8TH GRADE

ELBA 42

Z.C. 14

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back to post a big 42-14 win over Zion Chapel. The Tigers jumped out to a 12-0 first quarter lead and then outscored the Rebels 24-5 in the second half to claim the impressive win.

Sandarius Reed scored 20 points to lead Elba, while Wesley Blue Tigers scored 10 points to lead Zion Chapel with 9 points.

Elba (42): Robertson 1, Goosby 8, Martin 4, Robinson 2, Gully 5, Reed 20, Nelson 2, Z.C. (14): Black 9, Powell 5.

ELBA 37

SAMSON 24

The Elba Tigers used a big second quarter to pull ahead and never looked back to outscore Samson 37-24. The Tigers were tied at 10-10 after one quarter of play, but outscored Samson 17-02 in the second quarter to take command and rolled to the win. Sandarius Reed scored 16 points and Chance Goosby added 15 to lead Elba, while Tripp Jenkins led Samson with 12 points.

Elba (37): Robertson 2, Goosby 15, Rodgers 4, Reed 16, Samson (24): Dean 4, Baldwin 4, Day 2, Stinson 4, Jenkins 12.

ELBA 35

OPP 27

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and pulled away late to down Opp 35-27. The Tigers jumped out to a 15-9 first quarter lead, extended their lead to 24-11 by the end of the half, and held on late to claim the big win. Sandarius Reed scored 18 points to lead Elba, while Gerby led Opp with 10 points.

Elba (35): Robertson 2, Goosby 8, Tillis 2, Gully 3, Rodgers 2, Reed 18, Opp (27): Colston 8,

Edwards 2, Gerby 10, Hall 3, Harrison 2.

ELBA 31

NEW BROCKTON 21

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and slowly pulled away to post a 31-21 win over New Brockton. The Tigers jumped out to an 12-2 first quarter lead, extended their lead to 15-9 by the end of the half and pulled away to claim the win. Chance Goosby scored 16 points to lead Elba, while also scoring were Xavier Rodgers 7, Devonta Tillis 5, and Sandarius Reed 3. No scoring results were available for New Brockton.

ELBA 35

FLEETA 24

The Elba Tigers jumped out to a big 13-0 lead and then staged a late rally to regain control in a 35-24 win over Fleeta. The Tigers jumped out to an early 10-1 lead and appeared to be in command, but saw Fleeta cut the lead to 22-19 by the end of the third quarter and had to rally late to pull out the win. Sandarius Reed scored 17 points to lead Elba.

Elba (35): Robertson 6, Goosby 2, Robinson 1, Tillis 8, Rodgers 2, Reed 17.

Fleeta (24): Chris H. 6, Daniel A. 3, Brandon S. 8, Brad S. 6, Adam R. 2.

## 7TH GRADE

ELBA 32

ZION CHAPEL 6

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and rolled to an easy 32-6 win over Zion Chapel. The Tigers jumped out to an 18-2 lead in the second quarter and never looked back as they posted the big win. Nick McLaughlin scored 10 points to lead Elba, while Zack Ward led Zion Chapel with 4 points.

Elba (32): Camley 3, Anderson 7, Kelley 2, Craighead 2, Wright 2, Rogers 4, McLaughlin 10, Gully 2, Z.C. (6): Ward 4, Lott 2.

ELBA 44

SAMSON 23

The Elba Tigers took command early and cruised in with a big 44-23 win over Samson. The

Tigers jumped ahead 18-2 in the



Elba's Gavin Respress (4) dribbles up court in the Tigers' 62-52 win over Kinston. Elba will return to the court next week with a Tuesday showdown at home against Zion Chapel.

(Mike Capps photo)

## Weekend baseball camps set for November-February with Enterprise's Adam Godwin

Enterprise native Adam Godwin is making plans for weekend baseball camps from Nov. 24-26, 2006 through the final weekend in February 2007. Godwin, who holds the NCAA single-season record for stolen bases and is an outfielder in the Los Angeles Dodgers organization, will offer individualized instruction in improving speed, hitting, fielding, throwing, strategy, agility, and other fundamentals of the game, excluding pitching.

"I'm not a pitcher and I'm not going to even attempt to teach youngsters anything about pitching, except how to hit it," Godwin said.

Godwin charges \$35 per hour for the instruction or \$110 for four lessons. Family and youth league team rates are also available.

The lessons can be stretched out over four 3-day weekends or can be taken all in the same weekend. Instruction will be designed to work on those areas selected by the individual player.

Godwin, an Enterprise native, played baseball at Enterprise High School, Enterprise-Ozark Community College and was an All Sunbelt Conference while playing at Troy University.

These instructional sessions will be held rain or shine, Friday-Sunday except Christmas and New Year's weekends.

"I want to share the knowledge I've gained with young players in Enterprise and the Wiregrass Area," Godwin said.

"I'll show them 'The Dodger Way,' a winning philosophy that's held true since Mr. Branch Rickey devised it about the time of World War II."

For further information or to register for instruction, call Godwin at 334-475-6777. Leave a message if there is no answer.

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4:30 - Zion Chapel Jr. at Elba (7B-8C-8B)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

4:30 - Zion Chapel at Elba (JV-VG-VB)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

4:30 - Kinston at Elba (JV-VG-VB)

4:30 - Elba Jr. at Geneva Jr. (8C-8B)

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## SPORTS

## Defeats Kinston and Zion Chapel

## New Brockton opens season with two wins

The New Brockton Gamecocks tipped off the 2006-2007 high school basketball season last week and gave their fans plenty to cheer about as they posted big wins over cross-county rivals Kinston and Zion Chapel.

"Our players worked hard in practice to get ready for the season," stated Coach Robbie Kinsaul, "and it was great to open the season with two wins. We ran the court well and were aggressive on defense, and the result was two wins. We still have a lot of work to do as the season progresses, but last week was a great way to open the season, and the wins should give the players the confidence that they can win on the court."

Following are highlights of last week's two wins.

## NEW BROCKTON 98

## KINSTON 77

The New Brockton Gamecocks pulled ahead early and pulled away late to outscore the Kinston Bulldogs 98-77, last Tuesday night at New Brockton.

New Brockton came out ready to play and sprinted out to a 20-10 lead by the end of the first quarter, and by the end of the half appeared to be in complete control with a big 46-27 halftime advantage. Kinston cut into the lead in the third quarter and pulled to within 64-52, but the Gamecocks broke loose for 34 points in the final stanza and at the final horn owned a wild 98-77 win over the Bulldogs.

Dadrian Johnson scored 26 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Alex McNair added 17 and Tevin McNair scored 10. Matt Whigham scored 29 points to spark the Bulldogs, while Tim Donaldson added 22 and Aaron Jacobs scored 14.

N.B. (98): Simmons 7, T.

McNair 10, Muhammad 4, A. McNair 17, Foster 6, Vasser 6, Flowers 8, Chinn 9, Johnson 26.

K'ton (77): Whigham 29, McCrummen 3, Jacobs 14, Elmore 5, Hataway 7, Donaldson 22.

## NEW BROCKTON 83

## ZION CHAPEL 22

The New Brockton Gamecocks jumped out to an early 10-0 lead and never looked back Friday night as they pounded the Zion Chapel Rebels 83-22 at New Brockton.

Dadrian Johnson scored 4 early points to spark the Gamecocks' 10-0 outburst, while Luke Simmons and Courtney Foster both nailed three-pointers late in the second quarter as New Brockton went at the half with a big 41-6 advantage. Foster came out hot in the third quarter and led the Gamecocks on an 18-0 run that upped their lead to 59-6 with 3:24 remaining in the stanza.

Zion Chapel found its way to the goal late in the quarter and trailed 64-22 with 5:03 left in the fourth quarter. However, the Rebels failed to score again and watched as New Brockton closed the game with a 19-0 run to put the finishing touches on the 83-22 win.

Courtney Foster scored 17 points and Dadrian Johnson added 15 to lead New Brockton, while Tevin McNair added 13. Adam Carter, Tim Geddings and James Tidwell all scored 5 points to lead Zion Chapel.

N.B. (83): Simmons 8, T. McNair 13, Muhammad 3, A. McNair 8, Foster 17, Griswold 6, Vasser 7, Flowers 5, Chinn 2, Johnson 15.

Z.C. (22): Lambert 3, Carter 5, Geddings 5, Nelson 4, Tidwell 5.



New Brockton's Alex McNair (20) dishes off a pass to a teammate after being trapped by Zion Chapel's Tim Geddings (10) and John Wayne Lambert (30) in action last week in New Brockton. The Gamecocks defeated the Rebels 83-22 for their second win of the young season.

(Laura Baxley photo)

## New Brockton JV split season openers against Kinston and Zion Chapel

The New Brockton Junior Varsity Gamecocks opened their season last week and split the games against their cross-county rivals to end the week with a 1-1 record.

The Gamecocks opened the season last Tuesday night at home against Kinston and fell to the Bulldogs 43-30. New Brockton led 24-4 after one quarter of play and went in at the half with a slim 19-18 advantage, only to see Kinston take command in the second half to take command and post the 43-30 road win. A.J. Johnson scored 16 points and Gavin Free

added 12 to lead Kinston, while New Brockton was led in scoring by Gavin Free with 9 points.

New Brockton hosted Zion Chapel on Friday night and took charge late to pull away and defeat the Rebels 46-17. The Gamecocks owned a slim 20-14 lead at the half, but outscored Zion Chapel 26-3 over the final two quarters to pull away and post the big win. S. Johnson scored 17 points and J. Davis added 10 to lead New Brockton, while Justin Winters led Zion Chapel with 12 points.

## Recall announced on gas-fired stoves

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using the recalled product immediately. (To access color photos of the following recalled product, see CPSA's Web site at [www.cpsa.gov](http://www.cpsa.gov).)

Name of product: Jutal Gas-Fired Stoves

Manufacturer: Jutal North America, of Portland, Maine

Hazard: Movement or misplacement of the stove's burner can allow propane gas to settle in the heater, resulting in

delayed ignition. The delayed ignition could shatter the door glass and pose a laceration hazard to consumers.

Sold at: Dealers and distributors of Jutal products nationwide sold the GF 100 DV II Nordic QT model for about \$1,100 and the GF 200 DV II Lillehammer model for about \$1,300 from June 2004 through early April 2005.

For additional information, consumers also can contact Jutal toll-free at (877) 451-1048 extension 108 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or log onto the Jutal Web site at [www.jutal.com](http://www.jutal.com).

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# SPORTS

Brantley ousts South Lamar 33-14

## Bulldogs chase Stallions out of Class 1A playoffs

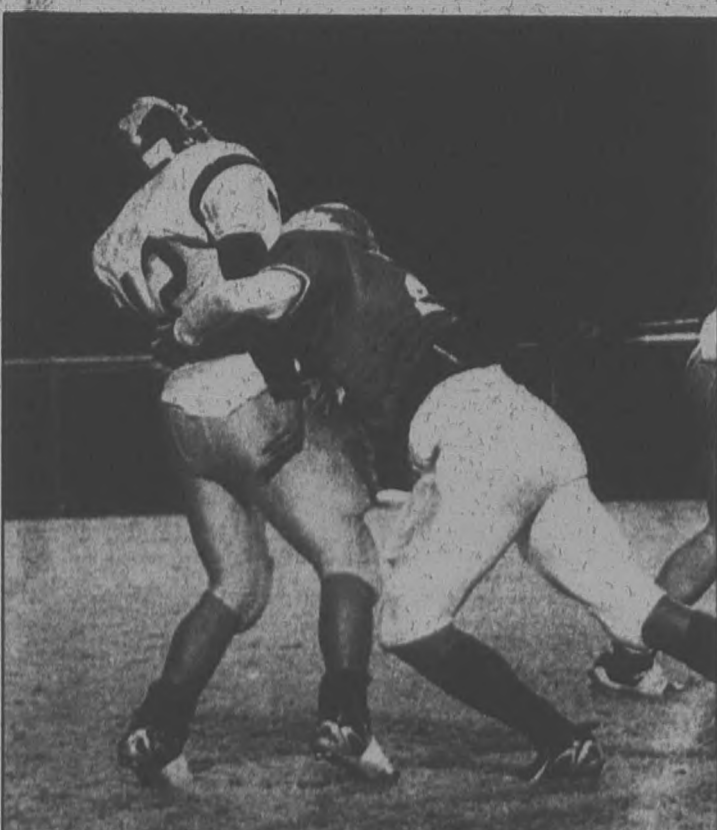
By Greg Brunson  
Photos by Janet Brunson and Mike Capps



Brantley's Terry McClain (7) goes high to pull in a 27-yard pass completion in the Bulldogs' second round playoff win over South Lamar. The Bulldogs passed for 163 yards in the 33-14 win.



Brantley's Marcus Owens (48) and Corey Latham (44) combine to sack a South Lamar ball carrier for a big loss. The Bulldogs will be on the road Friday night when they travel to Maplesville to meet the unbeaten Red Devils in the 1A quarterfinals.



Brantley's Dexter Daniels (24) introduces himself to the South Lamar quarterback in action last week in the Bulldogs' 33-14 win over the Stallions. Brantley improved its record to 12-0 with the win and this week will travel to Maplesville for a showdown with the Maplesville Red Devils.

The Brantley Bulldogs used two touchdowns from James Pittman and three scores from Jeffery Daniels to claim a 33-14 win over the South Lamar Stallions, Friday night in second round playoff action.

The Bulldog defense allowed only one first down in the first half as Brantley jumped out to a 20-0 lead, and the "Dogs" easily held on late to push their record to 12-0 on the season.

A 33-yard return on the opening kickoff by Roy-L. Knighten gave Brantley possession at the South Lamar 43-yardline, and the Bulldogs used nine plays to get in the endzone. The scoring drive was highlighted by a 24-yard gain on a screen pass from Jonathan Helms to James Pittman, while Jeffery Daniels plowed in from one-yard out to score the touchdown. Marcus Owens kicked the extra-point and with 6:16 remaining in the first quarter Brantley was already in front 7-0.

The next two Bulldog possessions both ended in turnovers, with South Lamar's Eric Jones claiming a pass interception and Justin Brock recovering a Brantley fumble.

Brantley's Justin Wright recovered a Stallion fumble at the South Lamar 18-yardline early in the second quarter and the Bulldogs cashed in on the turnover to extend their lead. A Chris Booker run to the South Lamar 10 set up a 10-yard run by James Pittman, and Marcus Owens booted the extra-point as Brantley moved ahead 14-0 with 8:34 left in the second quarter.

The game's next three offensive possessions resulted in punts, with Brantley winding up with the ball at the South Lamar 47-yardline. The Bulldogs put together another nine play scoring drive that ended with a one-yard touchdown plunge by Jeffery Daniels. A key play in the scoring drive was a 20-yard completion from Anthony Guiley to Jon Tyson that set the Bulldogs up just inside the two-yardline. The extra-point try failed, but with :35 left in the half Brantley was in command with a 20-0 advantage.

As the second half opened Brantley used a 25-yard run by Chris Booker and a 27-yard pass completion to Terry McClain to reach the South Lamar 5-yardline. The drive stalled; however, and the Bulldogs came away empty-handed when on fourth down a Marcus Owens field-goal attempt was blocked.

South Lamar gambled on a fourth down play near midfield on its ensuing possession, and the gamble failed to pay off as Corey Latham, Dexter Daniels and Marcus Owens snuffed out a quarterback draw that gave the ball back to the Bulldogs in excellent field-position.

Two penalties backed the Bulldogs up to their own 35-yardline, but the penalty there only delayed the next Brantley score as Jonathan Helms connected with James Pittman in the flat, and Pittman cut across the field, picked up a wall of blockers and raced 65 yards for a touchdown. Marcus Owens booted the extra-point, and with 3:13 remaining in the third quarter Brantley's lead stood at 27-0.

South Lamar took the ensuing kickoff and marched 51 yards in 11 plays to get on the scoreboard. The touchdown came on a 19-yard pass from Justin Brock to Nathaniel Foster, and Brock also added the extra-point as the Stallions cut the Brantley lead to 27-7 with 11:53 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Brantley's Jon Tyson returned the ensuing kickoff to the South Lamar 44-yardline, and from there the Bulldogs drove 44 yards in 11 plays to reach the South Lamar 10-yardline. Brantley's Corey Latham caught for a 27-yard gain to set the Bulldogs up at the Stallion 12-yardline, and five plays later Jeffery Daniels cracked over from the one for his third touchdown of the night. The extra-point was blocked, but with 7:11 left on the clock Brantley was on top 33-7 and had the win wrapped up.

South Lamar scored late in the game on a six play, 39-yard drive. Justin Brock scored the touchdown on a 2-yard quarterback sneak with 5:28 remaining, and Brock tacked on the extra-point to make the final score Brantley 33 South Lamar 14.

James Pittman led the Brantley offense with 112 yards rushing on 16 carries and 89 yards receiving on two catches. Chris Booker added 91 yards rushing on 21 carries.

### STATISTICS

B	1st Downs	SL
16	9	
47-227	Rushes-Yds.	20-32
163	Passing Yds.	141
390	Total Offense	173
5-8-1	Passes	14-30-1
71	Return Yds.	154
2	Fumbles Lost	2
11-105	Penalties-Yds.	3-32
2-30	Punts-Ave.	5-25

### Brantley Bulldogs hit the road Friday night for match-up against third-ranked Maplesville

The top-ranked Brantley Bulldogs will hit the road for the first time in post-season play Friday night when they travel to Maplesville to battle the undefeated and third-ranked Maplesville Red Devils.

The clash of 1A powers will come in the quarterfinal round of the AHSAA Class 1A football playoffs, and will pit two perennial powers that have combined to win three state titles in the past 13 years. Maplesville, coached by Brent Hubbert, will bring an 11-0 record into Friday night's contest, with wins over Notasulga 47-24, St. Jude 55-20, Wetley 33-0, Leeds 28-14, Isabella 62-0, Billingsley 42-8, Autaugaville 62-6, Verbena 42-6, Woodland 21-0, Florida 42-0 and A.L. Johnson 33-8.

The Red Devils posted a 5-6 record back in Coach Hubbert's first year at the helm in 2004, but last season improved to an 8-3 record and this year has rolled to 11 straight wins. A total of 16 returning starters have led Maplesville to the big season, including 8 two-year starters on defense and two-year standouts Josh Smith (QB) and Red Nix (TB) leading the way in the offensive backfield.

Brantley, coached by David Lowery, will bring a perfect 12-0 record and a #1 ranking into the playoff match-up, and will enter the game coming off a 33-14 playoff win over South Lamar. The Bulldogs have outscored their opponents 544-65 in their quest for a state title, and have been held to less than 40 points only twice all season.

Kickoff for the Friday night clash is set for 7:00 P.M.

Show your school colors Friday night and turn the Red Devils "GREEN" with envy  
**GO BULLDOGS!!**



Brantley's Coach David Lowery argues his point to an official after a penalty in the second half of last week's 33-14 win over South Lamar. The Bulldogs were flagged 11 times for 105 yards in the game.



Brantley's James Pittman (5) crosses the goal line for a touchdown in last week's playoff win over South Lamar. Pittman rushed for 112 yards, caught 2 passes for 89 yards and scored 3 touchdowns in the Bulldogs' big 33-14 win over the Stallions.



Bulldog fans of all sizes celebrated on the field Friday night after Brantley's 33-14 win over South Lamar. This fan made it clear that the Bulldogs were #1!

# COMMUNITY NEWS



THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE sponsored a ribbon cutting ceremony recently while welcoming the city's newest restaurant to business. No. 1 China opened several months ago in the Shoppes at Taylor Crossing and has enjoyed serving authentic Chinese food to the people of Elba. Those present for the ribbon cutting ceremony included (from left to right): Miss Elba Lauren McClung, Eva Medlock, Xu Zhong Qun, Little Miss Elba Maddie Chandler, Diane Nunn, Zhen W. Jiang, Melissa Flowers, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Doris Matthews, Din Hua Jin, Barry Giles, Yue Xiang Zeng, Junior Miss Elba Meagan Anderson, Wayne Lawford, Kaye Whitworth (executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce) and Herby McCall.

## Elba High School releases first nine weeks honor rolls

**"A" Honor Roll**  
7th Grade: Leroy Jake Canley, Seth Edmon Hanchey, Aliyah Ja'shae Horstead, Gunnar Charles McCollough, Nicholas Rian McLaughlin  
8th Grade: Brittany Nicole Gilbert, Molly Ann McGuire, Kayla Nicole Parks, Chastity Ann Slenker, Lindsey Elizabeth Smith, Bethany Lynn Wilson  
9th Grade: Leeanna Janae Canley, Justin Blake McLaughlin, Kayla Riale  
10th Grade: Shelby Danielle Adcock, Kimberly Michele Blue, Meredith Brunson, Dustin Lawayne Dorsey, April Eugenia Finedore, Lee Andrew Head, Robyn Denise Hudson, Cortlin Megan Lee, David Eric Maddaloni, Kristopher Jordan McBride, Dylan Reese McCollough, Kelly Catherine Miller, Jason Carter Mitchell  
11th Grade: Ashley Nicole Carpenter, Michael Perry Davis, Sabrina Hathcock, Dancesha Shanay Jordan, James Douglas Martin III, Tia Mcowen, Tashana Rashe' Parker, April Denae Price, Jonathon Ashton Rodriguez  
12th Grade: Brianna Lynne Bailey, Chase William Boutwell, Sydney Treadwell Brunson, Christina Young Bryant, Mary Catherine Cash, Mericka Crawford, Will Dodd, Jason F. Johnson, Whitely Deanna Kilcrease, John Kevin Parks, Ladarius Antwon Tillis

**"A-B" Honor Roll**  
7th Grade: Emily Ruth Allen, Tyler Andrew Anderson, Sarah Frances Bane, Tiffany Lauren Bradshaw, Juanita Ann Brown, Tamara Letitia Burks, Lexus Samone Clark, Thomas Zachary Cole, Bria Marsha Culver, Elisa Lynn Dewberry, Selina Gwynne Dodd, Keisauana Shierence Edwards, Jamie Elizabeth Griggs, Cordesia Marcille Hooks, Joshua Allen Hughes, Brianna Morgan Jackson, Sage O'Kendel Kelley, Kayla Marie Lewis, Ciarra Magwood, Chelsea Ogburn, Chase Smith Sauls, J'Quent Truitt, Ashby Brooke Weeks, Kiara Tirrell White, Gerald Dee Wiggins, Andrew Jordan Williams, Jason Scott Williamson, Karizmah Leshai Monai Yelverton  
8th Grade: Jessica Laken Berry, Katelyn Rebecca Calhoun, Lindsey Brooke Canley, Felisha Shondell Cole, Kendall Brenae Cole, Joseph Aubrey Coxwell, Gage Scot Craig, Jesse Frank Dodd, Corneae Breann Driggers, Keyawnee Quinteros Gavin, Keira A. Hammonds, Amber Marie Hudson, Kristin Marie Kelley, Taylor King, Michael De'sean Martin, Hannah Michele Morgan, Xavier Lavelle Rodgers, Kendra Silar, Priscilla Anna Marie Simmons, Amber Sherrese Walker, Robert Jesse White  
9th Grade: Jason Sims Allen, Jabari Jovan Cole, Taylor Leandra Creel, Jonathon T. Farmer, Ashley Renee Frost, Donnell Deion Horstead Jr., Zackery Kevin Kelley, Brock Ashton Lambert, Andrexia Johnne' McBride, Lindsay Meagan McClung, Emily Ann Miller, Denzel Neal, Jeremy Kyle Pope, Jackie Dianna Simmons, LaTanda Dorsha

### NEWS BRIEF

The Coffee County Enterprise Division Grand Jury met in session on October 30, 2006. The Grand Jury inquired into a total of 297 cases. The Grand Jury handed down 384 indictments, 288 of those being felonies and 76 being misdemeanors. The Grand Jury returned 13 no bills and zero continuances. Arraignments for all defendants are scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 29, at the Enterprise Courthouse.

### Let us give thanks.



## Christmas Festival and Parade set for Saturday, Nov. 25, in Elba

The arrival of November in Elba means the annual Christmas Festival can only be a few weeks away, and the Elba Chamber of Commerce is working hard to deliver yet another exciting and fun filled day on the square in downtown Elba.

The Christmas Festival will be Saturday, Nov. 25, on the square in downtown Elba, and the day's events will conclude with the Elba Christmas Parade that evening.

"We're very excited about plans for this year's Christmas Festival," said Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the chamber. "Many of the favorite sights and scenes of the Christmas Festival will be here again, but we've also made a few changes that we hope everyone will enjoy."

The changes mostly deal with the day's entertainment.

Whitworth said this year's Christmas Festival will begin with a very special treat as children will be able to enjoy "Breakfast with Santa" from 8-9 a.m. This event will be held at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office. From 9-10 a.m., the children will be allowed to have their picture made with Santa.

"We're very excited about 'Breakfast with Santa', Whitworth said. "This is going to be a wonderful opportunity for children to see and spend time with Santa right here in Elba."

There will be a small fee to participate in "Breakfast with Santa".

Entertainment on the square begins at 10 a.m. with the 2006 Christmas Festival pageants. At noon, "Story Time with Mrs. Claus" will be held. Then, at 12:30 p.m., a short Christmas play will be presented by the Elba Elementary School SGA.

Vocal entertainment will be from 12:45-1 p.m. followed by the countywide children's choir at 1 p.m. This choir will perform songs learned from the "Arctic Edge" Vacation Bible School. The Dixieland Cloggers will follow the children's choir at 1:30 p.m., while another new event will begin at 2 p.m. Whitworth said a Community Adult Choir also will perform together during this year's Christmas Festival. This year's entertainment will conclude with the She Bang dance group from Troy.

The annual Christmas Parade will begin at 4:30 p.m. Again this year, the first float will be collecting nonperishable food items to be donated to needy families in the local area.

For more information about any event associated with the Christmas Festival or Parade, contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce office at (334) 897-3125.

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## Attorney General discusses child abuse with Alabama school officials

Attorney General Troy King recently addressed school officials meeting in Hoover for the Alabama fall conference, thanking them for their vigilance in recognizing and reporting child abuse and stressing the need for all teachers to remain watchful. Attorney General King provided detailed information about behaviors and symptoms that are indicators of sexual, physical and emotional child abuse, and asked the superintendents to distribute the materials to teachers throughout Alabama's school systems.

"As Attorney General and as a parent of three young children, I am grateful to our teachers for everything they do to keep our children safe," said Attorney General King. "Because teachers and school personnel spend so much time with children, they are in a unique position to notice and act upon cases of suspected abuse. Sadly, we live in increasingly dangerous times,

and our children are ever more vulnerable to predators, abuse and random violence. I am asking every teacher in Alabama to heighten their vigilance so that we can cast an even stronger shield of protection over our children. If by reading and studying these child abuse indicators, our teachers can protect even one more child, it will be a great victory."

Under state law, teachers are among those required to report when they know or suspect that a child has been abused or neglected. It is not necessary that one has proof of abuse, but that when there is reasonable suspicion of child abuse, it should be

reported. The law presumes that reports of child abuse are made in good faith, and provides immunity to teachers and others making such reports. Suspected child abuse should be reported to the local office of the Department of Human Resources, or in cases of emergency to the local law enforcement.

\*Attorney General King a list of child abuse indicators requested be distributed to all state school teachers. This list also is available from the website of Child Protect Children's Advocacy Center in Montgomery at [www.childprotect.org](http://www.childprotect.org).

## Wachovia names Enterprise native to direct retail banking

Wachovia has named Enterprise native David Ridgeway retail banking director for the bank's Jackson, Miss., and South Central Ala. markets, including Montgomery, Selma, Troy, Auburn, Alexander City, Dothan and the Wiregrass area. In his role, Ridgeway will oversee retail employees in the area to ensure that they are exceeding goals and delivering exceptional levels of customer service.

Ridgeway most recently served as retail banking director for the Greater Georgia West

region, which includes the Columbus, Monroe, Cartersville, Macon, Rome, Dalton, Americus, Athens and Gainesville markets. He has been with Wachovia since 1998 and has held the role of financial specialist and city president in Pine Mountain, Ga.

David is a graduate of Troy University where he earned a bachelor's degree in communications and an MBA in human resource management.

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**STORM DAMAGE** It might be hard to convince Shawn and Venessa Huggins that the storm of last Wednesday was not a tornado. Their home received heavy damage during the bad weather of last Wednesday. A mobile home beside the two story house was picked up and slammed to the ground, totally destroying it. No one was in the house nor the trailer at the time the storm struck.

Prior to the storm this house had a front porch and white colonial columns. At the time the picture was taken Wednesday, emergency personnel had no evidence as to where the remains of those columns might have landed.

The house suffered extensive roof damage, the front door was blown open and at least one of the doors on the adjoining garage was partially ripped from its hinges.

While the storm has not been officially classified as a tornado, many residents in the area gave description of the sounds and they were classic tornado.

**BOGGAN** (Continued from Page One)

and cultural benefit and development. The program began in 2004, and there are now 401 Preserve America designations in 48 states. Communities, Indian tribes, historic neighborhoods in urban centers and counties may be designated upon application and meeting sufficient criteria to qualify for the program.

The Preserve America initiative is a White House effort to encourage and support community efforts for the preservation and enjoyment of America's priceless cultural and natural heritage. The goals of the initiative include: a greater shared knowledge about the nation's past; strengthened regional identities and local pride; increased local participation in preserving the country's cultural and natural heritage assets; and support for the economic vitality of communities. For more information on communities, grants, and other aspects of the initiative, visit [www.PreserveAmerica.gov](http://www.PreserveAmerica.gov).

Phil Boggan was a 1990 graduate of Elba High School. He received his B.S. from the University of West Alabama and Master's of Preservation Studies from Tulane University School of Architecture. His parents are Sue Boggan of Elba, AL and Phillip and Linda Boggan of Andalusia, AL. Phil resides in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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## Coffee County Commission approves new garbage rates

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission voted Monday, Nov. 27, to increase solid waste collection service rates for county residents.

Earlier in the year, the commission voted to enter into a contract with Arrow Disposal as the county's solid waste collection provider. The new contract resulted in a significant increase in cost with the county paying Arrow \$78,000 per month for the service.

Shortly after the contract was accepted, commissioners tabled a motion to set the new rates for county residents. A committee of commissioners eventually was formed to look at and examine all information regarding the service.

During Monday's meeting, commissioner Linda Westbrook said the committee had looked at the information and was prepared to make a recommendation regarding rates for the garbage collection service.

She made a motion with a second from commissioner J.L. Weeks to set the rates for residents at \$14 per month (\$42 quarterly).

Commissioner Robert Stephens offered an amendment to the motion to include a credit of \$6 for those who pay annually and \$3 for those who pay semi-annually for the service. He received a second from Commissioner Tom Grimsley and the amendment was unanimously approved.

Next, commissioners voted on the original motion as amended. This motion passed by a 6-1 vote.

Commissioner Jim Thompson cast the lone opposing vote.

Also during Monday's meeting, county administrator Wilson Mobley invited any taxpayer to come by the commission office and review any audit report on file.

Mobley's invitation seemed to stem from the previous meeting when Commissioner Grimsley asked Commissioner Westbrook to explain several past audit

reports. During that meeting, a motion was defeated calling for Mobley to be placed on leave.

Mobley said the 1996-98 audit, a two-year audit which overlapped, had a finding involving six checks that reportedly were deposited in an employee's account. He said appropriate actions were taken when this finding was revealed.

Mobley also said the '98-99 audit had no findings, the '99-2000 audit indicated the Coffee County Commission complied with all internal control measures, the 2000-'01 audit revealed no instances of non-compliance, the '01-'02 audit had no findings but a recommendation was included and the '02-'03 and '03-'04 audits found no instances of internal control problems.

At the conclusion of his review, Mobley said he considers this to be an attack on his personal and professional credibility by some members of the Coffee County Commission this creating a hostile working environment for him.

Later in the meeting, Commissioner Bernest Brooks said he did not believe the commission had played the game fair to commission staff.

"I don't think you should lambast someone for not being on top of everything," he said.

Commissioner Westbrook responded by saying she did not think the commission was trying to lambast anyone. Instead, she said the commission is aware there is a problem and is trying to do what is best to correct the problem.

County jail administrator Ruth Scheipe reported an incident to commissioners that occurred Wednesday evening, Nov. 22. She said there was a lockdown in a cellblock and a small fire was started.

Scheipe said there was a lot of smoke in the cell block but no injuries resulted. She also said there was no major damage.

Scheipe said the jail received assistance from deputies, the Enterprise Police and the New Brockton Fire Department during the incident.

## Elba man arrested following domestic incident

Officers with the Elba Police Department responded to the scene of a domestic incident recently which resulted in the arrest of a male suspect.

MacArthur Reed, age 46, of Elba, was arrested Monday, Nov. 20, after a female victim accused him of hitting her and taking her purse, according to Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey.

Reed was charged with theft of property, first degree, and domestic violence, second degree. Officers said the domestic violence charge was second degree because physical injury resulted.

Elba Police investigator Tony Harrison said the victim indicated she exited a store on Martin Luther King Drive and the suspect knocked her to the ground, hit her and took her purse. Harrison said Reed denied the accusation.

Reed is out of jail on bond.



The Elba Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon cutting Monday, Nov. 20, for Tammy's Barber & Style, located at 510 W. Davis Street in Elba. Those present for the ribbon cutting ceremony included (from left to right): Kaye Whitworth - executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, Nathan Carroll, Kenneth Calhoun, Rene Lambert, Barry Giles, Kay Mack, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Josh Mack, Drew Mack, Tammy Mack - owner, Don Mack, Makezie Wambles, Jackie Mack, Little Miss Elba Maddie Chandler, Eva Medlock and Herby McCall.

## Elba enjoys annual Christmas Festival and Parade

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual Elba Christmas Festival and Parade last Saturday, Nov. 25, in downtown Elba.

Among the day's features was beautiful weather as many were heard throughout the day making remarks about mother nature's blessing.

The annual Christmas Festival events actually began early Saturday morning as youngsters were invited to enjoy "Breakfast with Santa." This proved to be fun and enjoyable event for all involved. Jolly St. Nick also took time to have photos made with those who participated in "Breakfast with Santa."

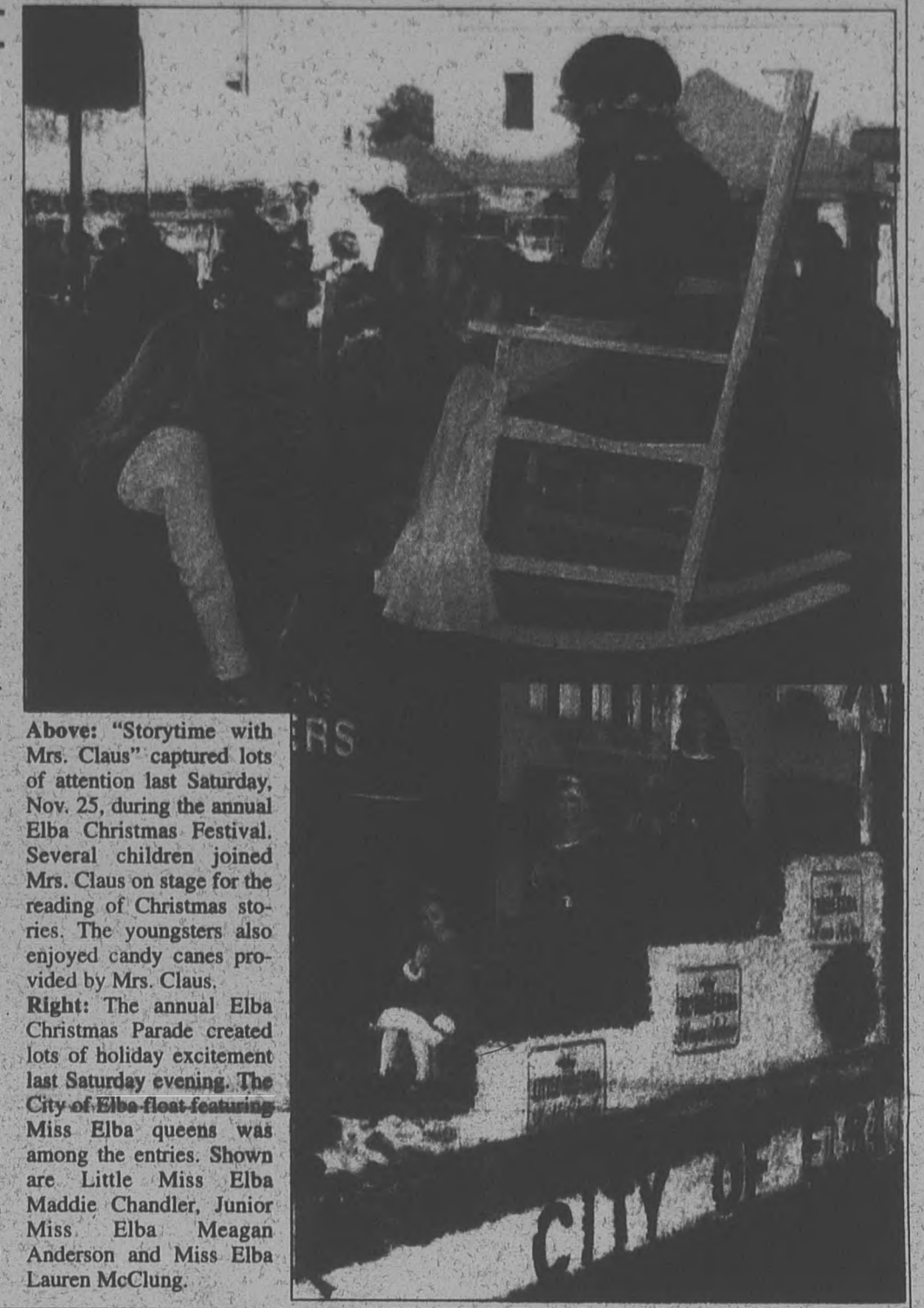
Activities on the square began around 9 a.m. as many arts and crafts and food vendors set up shop for the day.

The day's entertainment began at 10 a.m. with the Miss Christmas pageants. At noon, "Storytime with Mrs. Claus" caught the attention of many as youngsters were invited to join Mrs. Claus on stage for the reading of stories.

The Elba Elementary School SGA wowed the crowd with their presentation of the short play, "The Very Best Christmas Present" while other entertainment included: a countywide children's choir singing songs from the "Arctic Edge" Vacation Bible School, a community adult choir singing various Christmas songs, the Dixieland Cloggers and the SheBang dancers.

The day's activities concluded with the annual Christmas parade. The highlight, of course, was an appearance by Santa Claus. He was chauffeured through town by members of the Elba Fire Department.

Additional scenes from the Christmas Festival and Parade can be found on pages 13 and 14.



## Elba City Council appoints Gappa Wise to fill school board vacancy

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday evening, named a school board member, entered into a contract with an attorney in an effort to collect from some potential environmental damages and was updated on the status of several projects.

Council member Ronnie Hammond was absent.

Gappa Wise was named to the Elba City School Board to fill the unexpired term of Katrina Calhoun, who recently resigned. The term expires in June of 2007.

The council agreed to a contract with attorney Terry Butts to represent Elba in filing for damages if suspected ground contamination is shown to have caused extensive environmental damages to local soils. Before making a motion to accept the contract, council member Tom Hooks commented that there was no liability nor cost to Elba taxpayers in entering this contract. Mayor James Grimes said the contract had been reviewed by the city attorney and that Hooks was correct.

The motion was approved unanimously.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported that the cosmetic work on the completed sewer project was nearing completion. He also

noted that the Beaver Dam project was moving briskly.

Grimes also announced the Elba Fire Department has formally filed for an ISO review. A positive finding by this review the board will result in lower fire insurance costs for Elba property owners. Grimes said certain paper work is required to be submitted by the police department, water department, fire department and others before the actual inspection takes place, but that work is ongoing at this time.

The city employee Christmas Party is set for December 6th and all council members indicated they planned to attend.

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